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***** SUMMER SLAM: HOGAN &

BEEFCAKE SCORE VICTORY

SO WHAT'S NEXT? *****

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Using an assist from Liz Poffo, who tripped up Sherri Martel, Hulk Hogan grabbed the purse of Sherri and slugged the loaded pocketbook over Zeus' head as he and Brutus Beefcake defeated Zeus and Randy Savage in the main event of SUMMER SLAM '89 before a Meadowlands sellout.

The match opened with all 4 brawling but Zeus not selling a thing, catching Beefcake in mid-air with a bearhug and following up with a bearhug on Hogan while Savage crashed on to Hulk. Savage then took control, overpowering Hogan from the top rope. Savage went for a sleeper at 2:35. The crowd rallied Hogan into a comeback before Zeus kned him in the back. Zeus went for another bearhug at 4:05 and scored four near falls on Hulk before tagging Savage at 6:05.

Randy gained a 2-count suplex at 6:40 but missed two elbows and a knee and Beefcake tagged in at 7:00 and gained a near-fall on Savage. Brutus put a sleeper on Randy at 7:30 but Savage powered Beefcake into the turnbuckle.

At 9:15, Zeus tagged in but Brutus gouged his eyes and caught Zeus with a sleeper until Beefcake was hit with Sherri's purse. Hogan broke up two Savage pin attempts before clobbering Randy as he tried to get to Liz. Zeus tagged in and rode the Barber like Roy Rogers on Trigger. He then went into a perpetual choke on Brutus. Savage comes in at 11:25 but he & Beefcake clothesline each other. Beefcake tags Hogan at 12:10 and catches Randy with the bigfoot.

Savage rallied to clothesline and scored his Bombs Away at 13:20 but Hogan didn't sell it. Zeus tagged in and Hogan finally staggered Zeus to one knee. After a wild exchange, Hogan gained Sherri's purse and clobbered Zeus with it to score a surprisingly easy pinfall at 16:24. MATCH RATING: DRAW-PLUS....mostly for intense crowd heat.

6-MAN TAG: ANDRE THE GIANT/TWIN TOWERS VS. JIM DUGGAN/DEMOLITION: Stall for 1:45 before Duggan & Akeem brawl. Andre finally came in for 43 seconds at 4:47. Smash finally used the first 2 wrestling holds, bodyslams on the Towers, at 6:30 before Andre countered. But as Ax & Bubba brawl outside and Andre argues with the ref, Duggan clobbers Akeem with his patriotic 2x4 and lays Smash on top for the victory in 7:28. RATING: RESTHOLD....not really a great brawl, Andre was horrible and the finish not anything to write home about (the ref must have had the worst peripheral vision in the USA not to see that 2x4 hit).

Against Rude

WARRIOR REGAINS I-C

BELT IN SUMMER SHOWDOWN

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Surviving a referee bump which lasted more than three minutes and with an assist from Roddy Piper, who "mooned" Rick Rude, the Ultimate Warrior regained the WWF Intercontinental title Monday night at SUMMER SLAM '88, defeating Rude in 16:00.

The first six minutes was all Warrior until Rude forced his foe to crotch himself. At 9:37 both men crashed into ref Joey Morella. The Warrior scored a powerslam which would have held down Rude for a count of 10 at 11:50.

As Warrior went to help Morella, Rude rallied and scored the first of three piledrivers, all of which led to some of the nine near-falls.

At 14:15, Piper, who's baited Rude the past two weeks on PRIME TIME WRESTLING, appeared at ring-side and at 15:10 mooned Rude. The Warrior caught Rude from the top with a belly-to-back suplex (well, a try at it) and closed with the Warrior Splash for the win at 16:00.

MATCH RATING: POWERSLAM... far from the greatest wrestling ever but a brilliantly-conceived story, the near-falls were well-executed and the crowd heat was enormous. My biggest worry was if Jim Hellwig (Warrior) could climb to the top rope without collapsing.

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TULLY BLANCHARD/ARN ANDERSON VS. HART FOUNDATION: Surprise, but good pick for opener. Tully & Arn were a good kickoff to Bash '88. Solid wrestling & countermoves in first 2:30 with advantage to Harts. Tully tries chopping Neidhart, who doesn't sell at 5:00. The foursome begin brawling at 7:00 and Tully tries a cross body block on Jim at 9:20 but Neidhart catches him with a bear hug in mid-air. Turning point came at 9:45 when Neidhart missed a dive onto Tully. Arn & Tully went to fast tags until Bret caught Arn with a knee at 12:55. Bret scored a vertical suplex on Tully at 14:12 and Anvil followed with a reverse slingshot at 15:15. But with all 4 brawling and Neidhart arguing with the distracting Bobby Heenan, Bret, who had saltowed Tully, was caught with a double axhandle off the top from Arn (the illegal man), who scored the fall at 15:54. POWERSLAM... good storytelling opener.

DUSTY RHODES VS. HONKY TONK MAN: Wonder how D.R. felt about a second bout on the card slot? Mostly comedy stuff. Dusty scored an atomic drop at 2:05 and mostly wiggled his hips until he went after Jimmy Hart and Honky caught him with a megaphone at 4:05 and went to the restholds. Dusty rallied at 7:25 but missed an elbow. The 2 trade at 8:30 and Dusty (how familiar) is sent into the ref at 9:10. As Jimmy Hart prepares to clobber Dusty with Honky's guitar, Dusty ducks and Jimmy clobbers Honky. Dusty elbows for the pin at 9:41. Honky does an amnesiac bit with Sean Mooney. TURN? BOMB-PLUS....PLUS, only for the finish.

CURT HENNIG VS. FOGHORN TAYLOR LEGHORN: Strong counterwrestling in first 2 min. Curt gets near-fall for falling off slam attempt at 1:50, then scores standing dropkick at 2:15. Terry rallies to gouge eyes and throw Curt out and the 2 brawl outside. As they get inside, Curt suddenly goes for Perfect-

Plex and gets pin at 3:20. RESTHOLD...ending much too abrupt and match much too short.

ROCKERS/TITO SANTANA VS. ROUGEAUS/RICK MARTEL: Faces, after 2 minutes of stalling, score with series of flying moves. Marty Jannetty caught with savate kick by Raymond at 3:50. Triple teaming starts. Tito tags in and gets 2-count on clothesline at 5:30. Raymond knees Tito in back at 5:50 and gangup restarts. Martel tags in & pummels Santana. Jacques gets high dropkick at 7:00. Tito rallies for sunset flip 2-count on Martel at 8:20. But Rougeaus regain momentum. Raymond applies Boston crab at 8:45. Jacques gets abdominal stretch at 9:30. Santana sells like crazy for more than five minutes until Rougeaus screw up & hit each other. Michaels & Martel tie up & crowd goes nuts. Sean suplexes Martel at 13:45, scores a bombs away & a 6-way melee erupts. Action goes crazy in and out but as Marty is ready to score the fall, Martel (illegal man) catches Jannetty and pins him at 14:52. POWERSLAM...but finish confusing to watch.

HERCULES VS. GREG VALENTINE: Ronnie Garvin used as guest ring announcer to taunt Valentine with every cliché in the world. Herc was all Greg in the first 2 minutes but Greg rallies to win at 3:05 with Ric Flair leg on ropes. But Garvin declares Herc winner by DQ which leads to short, inconsequential brawl. BOMB.

TED DIBIASE VS. JIMMY SNUKA: DiBiase jumps Snuka before bell but Snuka butts him out of ring. Ted crashes into Virgil at :35. Snuka missed a leapfrog badly at 1:50. Ted gives Snuka the Eddie Gilbert hotshot at 3:25 and gets 3 near-falls for offensive moves. But Ted misses flying elbow at 4:55. Snuka scores with flying headbutt but as he goes for Superfly, Virgil distracts, and as the 2 exchange, DiBiase posts Snuka and Ted wins on a countout at 6:30. But after Jimmy clotheslines Ted's neck and Superflies on Virgil. RESTHOLD....crowd just could not get much enthusiasm for this one.

SLAMS & JAMS: With only a rearrangement of characters and objects and minus Liz Poffo peeling down, that main event was almost an exact duplicate of last year's SS finale....Titan had leaked one false scenario that Beefcake was to be wasted and an un-classic WWF bloodbath would ensue....My question has to be: with this finish, unless Vince can come up with something unique at SURVIVOR SERIES, why would anyone except WWF-crazy kids want to buy that Dec. 27 Hogan-Zeus PPV title match?....We'll review the best lines next week but my favorite was when Tony Schiavone said, after seeing Sherri: "Certainly with what we just saw, it would clear up a sinus or two."....Schiavone did a credible job but my only fault is that at times he was trying to sound too much like Vince and that's not Tony. Jesse did more straight analysis on this show and was very good doing it. MATWATCH 25 RATING: Announcing, 4.3; Crowd Enthusiasm, 3.8 (it obviously quited in the dud matches); Match Quality, 2.3; Overall TV Production, 4.0 (Graded off for a couple of missed shots & the Big Bloop); Overall Excellence of Show, 3.3. TOTAL RATING: 17.7. In case you missed perhaps a bigger blooper than Hogan's missed cue on THE MAIN EVENT, Okerlund was caught using the "f..." word when the SUMMER SLAM banner fell.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

ANDRE ARRESTED FOR IOWA
INCIDENT; FREE ON BOND

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA — Andre the Giant is free on \$1,200 bond after an alleged attack on a TV photographer here Monday night.

Assistant Cedar Rapids Police Chief Jim Barnes said Andre was angry when a local cameraman shot him losing a 20-second match to the Ultimate Warrior. He's charged with assault after reportedly putting the photographer in a headlock and damaging his gear.

"Thank God he was cooperative," Barnes said. "A guy that big could cause some damage." No hearing date has been set.

FLORIDA DEAD: AT LEAST THAT
IS WHAT PERSONNEL SAY

TAMPA - After a history dating back to the 1940s, Florida Championship Wrestling will fold, as of Sept. 1, according to FCW personnel who have asked to remain anonymous.

The promotion, which has been on weak ground since its revival in the spring of 1988, has apparently not been able to attract investors to bring fresh capital into FCW.

Announcer Gordon Solie, a 13 percent owner of the group, left his emcee role in July to assume a role on the NWA POWER HOUR on TBS.

The promotion had been averaging crowds of about 150 in recent months and had lost key time periods in two major Florida cities for television. MATWATCH has been able to confirm FCW definitely plans to suspend cards in Orlando, Miami and Jacksonville.

NOT ENOUGH PAY-PER-VIEW SHOWS
FOR YOUR DIET? TRY JESSICA & MUD

LOS ANGELES - Claiming the lowest pay-per-view cost ever, IRS Media will present "Thunder and Mud," a combination heavy metal music and mud wrestling show Nov. 10.

Televangelism scandal figure Jessica Hahn will host the 90-minute show which will sell for \$9.50 per home. IRS is projecting a clearance of 12 million homes.

IRS President Paul Colichman told TV GUIDE: "We want to do something real stupid. We didn't create the marriage between mud wrestling and metal music because that's happening here in Los Angeles. Colichman adds Hahn was picked for her "major celebrity status."

MORE ON THE VIDEO FRONTS

Our vacation week highlights of memorable episodic TV series using wrestling or wrestlers as part of storylines evidently struck a raw, nostalgic chord with a ton of you.

I've had more than two dozen letters from MATWATCHers telling of additional episodes (I deliberately didn't include the more recent DAVID LETTERMAN segments with Jerry Lawler and Andy Kaufman, which are still regularly referred to in newsletters) which may bring some happy memories. I'll list several here and we'll try to make this a revolving feature. Please note: to find some of these, you may have to deal with a video store which specializes in rare kinescopes or filmed series.

***MISTER ED: An early episode from the 1961-62 season involves neighbor Roger Addison and Ed getting mixed up in promoting a card. One of the wrestlers featured is veteran Ricki Starr.

***YOU BET YOUR LIFE: One of the episodes featured in the old CBN run of BEST OF GROUCHO offered ex-manager Wild Red Berry as a contestant. (I discovered I had this one after a prompting).

***ADAM-12 (NBC, 1972): In a poignant cameo, H.B. "Hard Boiled" Haggerty plays an ex-wrestler confined to a wheelchair. Malloy & Reed are called when Haggerty busts up a bar.

***SIDEKICKS (ABC, 1986): This one was filmed during Ricky Steamboat's "throat injury" in his old WWF days. Ricky plays an older "karate kid"-type character who has to teach some bullies a lesson. Short-lived ABC series.

***ABBOTT & COSTELLO SHOW (1952): Episode called "The Wrestling Match" as Lou grapples in a charity bout.

***TONIGHT SHOW (NBC, 1975): Muhammad Ali and his "manager" Freddie Blassie appear to plug the match with Inoki. If you can find it, Ali & Blassie both break up when guest host McLean Stevenson calls Inoki, "Oke-fenokee."

***SEARCH FOR TOMORROW (NBC, June 23-27, 1985): Hulk Hogan, Don Muraco and Mr. Fuji as themselves in Henderson for a match. Roddy Piper was supposed to have Muraco's role but argued with Proctor & Gamble over the money.

Steve Beverly



The occurrence Saturday before last which led to an unscheduled rerun of WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING in its Saturday slot should not be amplified more than its true perspective, nor diminished as to its lesson.

For a week, many of you called to ask how such a thing can happen and what the ultimate penalty would be.

First, the error occurred because the incorrect tape was placed in TBS master control. By the time the error was discovered, the show was too far along to switch tapes. Plus, the control operator had no access to the correct show.

For the record, the mistake was made by a WCW employee whose name you would recognize. An attempt is being made to reassign him within TBS but he will no longer be at WCW.

It was, plain and simple, human error, which is usually the case. I rejoice not at all that it cost someone a job. But my years of TV experience were what allowed me to speculate that a penalty would be severe.

Why? Such an error cost TBS financially. I'm certain advertisers will be provided make good spots to compensate. The 99%-plus of viewers who don't read newsletters, I'm sure, were tempted to tune out or continue to question why they saw a month-old show. That hurts TBS in a service fashion. Third, the NWA suffers creatively because it lost plugs for house shows on TBS Saturday; plus, some of this past week's two-hour events were predicated on the previous week's continuity. Unfortunately, someone had to pay a price.

Human error has happened at one station I was at where a control room operator, watching a so-called "adult" channel on a dish, accidentally punched up the satellite feed over the air. He was dismissed.

Human error in 1968 led to an NBC executive opting to pull out of a close Jets-Raiders NFL game at 7 p.m. for a network airing of "Heidi" when---you guessed it---Oakland rallied for two touchdowns after NBC left the game to win. Angry fans lit up the NBC switchboards and that exec faded from view.

But---it's also not the end of the world. It happened. You can't cover it up. And you can bet TBS and the NWA will take safeguards to ensure no repeat episode.

Regretfully, television is a business where a premium must be placed on error-free performance. Viewers demand it. But contrary to what a couple of callers have inferred, I am never happy when a blooper of that order costs someone a job. Someone's bread and butter means a lot to me, even if I don't personally know the party. And lessons learned, albeit painful and sometimes financial, in TV usually exorcise duplicate performances.

Speaking of losses of job, one who has become my friend over the last nine months was recently told his position will soon come to an end and I, for one, am sad to see it---particularly for TV wrestling fans in his area.

You have periodically seen me write of Tony Richards, who hosts his own seven-hour block of shows on TV 54 in Paducah, Kentucky. Tony's low-power station couldn't afford the rights fees for the "big two" promotions but he's done a creative job of being his city's "fan's man" for the best of the independents, including Memphis, World Class and Florida.

Tony hasn't lost his slot as general manager of TV 54 because of a careless mistake or poor work. He's fallen victim to that unfightable force in the broadcast business, the station sale.

His channel is being sold to a 24-hour religious broadcasting outlet, which means wrestling will be expendable. "They told me they hated it but the new owners want their own people, so I'm out at the end of the month," Tony told me by phone last week.

Fortunately, Richards has doubled as a "zoo crew" radio personality in his market and has been signed to a new contract with expanded responsibilities in promotion for his radio station. So he won't be out on the street.

But I met this enthusiastic young man in Nashville the night before WRESTLE WAR '89 and he is one of a limited young breed of personalities who truly loves wrestling, cared about the matches (and still does) and acted as Everyfan for western Kentucky in the same fashion as Joe Pedicino did when he originated his SUPERSTARS block in Atlanta four years ago.

I've felt Tony has the ability to be a competent color commentator for any promotion and I hope he gets a chance one day. As much as TV wrestling needs to develop fresh talent behind its mikes, the loss of this local personality is another strike against a dying farm system.

But I wish Tony well in his new venue and I hope a door opens for his re-association with the ring.

NO PHILLY HEADON: To correct the record, the WWF had attempted to get a Spectrum date in Philadelphia Oct. 28 to go head-on with the NWA pay-per-view but could not. So the HALLOWEEN HAVOC show (7-10 p.m. EDT) will be unopposed. Some TBS officials have said they hope a few surprise names will be announced.

JAKE'S DATE: We're told now Jake Roberts' next sentencing date is expected around Sept. 7 but it's not expected he'll serve time. At least Titan hopes not because Jake is booked to return to the WWF Sept. 30.

CLAIMING VAN: The AWA is claiming if Big Van Vader wrestles as Vader in the U.S., they will have him but nothing substantiates that.

MORE CLAIMS: Probably by the time you read this, Titan Sports will have claimed an 8% buy rate for SUMMER SLAM but privately, they are expecting a 4.5% figure, right about what MATWATCH predicted.

OWEN'S DATES: Owen Hart is still expected to be a topline for the big Sept. 21 show in Yokohama. The main event is expected to be a Van Vader-Riki Choshu title match.

TROUBLESHOOTING: Discount reports, for now, that Danny Spivey is headed back to Titan. He has an NWA contract through next spring....One bulletin reported recently that "the NWA and Ted Turner have apparently fallen short on payments again." That sounds like a Toronto newspaper rumor. Impeccable sources tell us that of the problems NWA wrestlers may have, getting their money and in proper increments every 2 weeks is not one of them.

HEEL TONY!: Tony Atlas getting fine reviews for his stint as a heel ICW champion. But some fans at a recent ICW TV taping insist that a mentally handicapped kid was used in a battle royal and the kid was legit in tears when he didn't win. If, in fact, it's so, it should be investigated.

IS IT LIVE OR...?: MULTICHANNEL NEWS is reporting the Hogan-Zeus PPV match to follow the Dec. 27 pay-cable airing of NO HOLDS BARRED will be live. But some followers believe it's a risky proposition with Tiny Lister. We'll see....

MINE OR YOURS?: Ex-SCW topline John Michaels and a partner have started the MWA (My Wrestling Association....you read it right!) with TV tapings in Lawrenceville, Ga. Their only TV outlet is on an independent in Athens, Ga. Grizzly Boone is a co-promoter and is the

MWA heavyweight champ. Michaels and the recently turned Steve Lawler (who both work for the same exterminating company) are the tag champs and Abdullah the Butcher is also working for them. Boone has a new partner joining with him as a new version of The Commandos.

JESSE, JESSE: Jesse Ventura will be a color commentator on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers football radio network this fall. Don't know if the crowds can be coaxed into that WWF pre-game chant. Which brings to mind: legendary University of Georgia voice Larry Munson isn't too far from retirement. When that day comes, the nearby Jim Ross offers first-rate successor material, fellow Bulldog alumni!

PERSONAL NOTES: Congratulations to MATWATCHER KLON (K.B. Herron). He and his wife are soon-to-be parents. And to perpetual WWF irritant Bruce Grummert on his selection as Nebraska Hospital Association Employee of the Year. He won \$1,000 for his work as an ICU/CCU nursing technician.

ACW AILING: No real explanation but Nelson Royal must be running out of money because the ACW tapes five of the last six weeks have either been full recap shows or replays of complete past shows.

ALASKA HEAT: Our friend, Sean Ryan reports a crowd of nearly 8,000 for the WWF show in Anchorage Aug. 12. Sean is beginning a periodic Alaska bulletin (see SHOPPERS NETWORK). If you have access to the BITNET computer network, you can reach Sean at FSSPR@ALASKA.

BIRMINGHAM BLUES: MATWATCHER Gina Holt reports a crowd of 100 at the last Birmingham CWF show. That doesn't spell good tidings. And wasn't it less than a year ago that Eddie Gilbert had everyone on fire for THE ROAD TO...?

GARDEN STATE GOINGS: Dennis Coralluzzo promoting a Sept. 16 show at Garden State Race-track with Larry Sharpe & Jerry Lawler vs. Joe Daniels (WWA champ) and a partner on top. Also, Stan Hansen vs. Kimala and Nikolai Volkoff vs. Ken Patera.

MORE 900: Speaking of Patera, Ken writes to tell us of his new 900 number, which he says will be tailored both to "smart" and "casual" fans. The number is 1-900-646-SLAM.

NETWORKING: NWA has signed KOTV in Tulsa for WORLD WIDE, marking the first wrestling on TV in the market in a year. I'm told more announcements are yet to come.

I REMEMBER: TARZAN TYLER VS. BRONCO KELLY

Bronco Kelly is not exactly a legendary name in pro wrestling. But last year's MATWATCHER OF THE YEAR, Dan Gibson, never let me forget him. For four weeks during 1967, Gordon Solie gave us a monumental buildup for Bronco on CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING FROM FLORIDA. Great bodybuilder, he. Great pal of Eddie Graham's and Don Curtis'. And a future star in the world of professional wrestling.

Dan had missed a few weeks of the Florida show when he decided it was time for us to hit the Jacksonville Coliseum again. We left Waycross with me raving about how great this new guy Bronco Kelly was and how Gordon had bragged on his great potential.

Bronco was to take on Tarzan Tyler that night. We'd not seen Tarzan in nearly a year, shortly after he'd lost a heel-vs-heel match to the Missouri Mauler for the Southern title. We all knew how brutal Tarzan could be but at age 13, I bought into it and had everyone convinced this Bronco was going to be the next Lou Thesz.

As it turned out, Kelly and his wife De-lores owned a health spa in Jacksonville and Don Curtis had trained him and advised him to give the ring a try. I wish Don hadn't.

The full crowd that night saw the most excitement when Tarzan ordered ring announcer Tommy Tucker to "tell the people, I mean these idiots my real hometown: Hollywood, California. And I weigh 278 pounds, not 263." For the next seven minutes, I watched the worst excuse of a competitive wrestling match (yes, even worse than some of these Titan snoozers) that only George Scott would have loved.

Trent Knight offers more offense than poor Bronco did that July evening. Tarzan battered him from turnbuckle to turnbuckle and appeared to delight in it with mock laughter. Tyler never even removed his ring jacket, renewed his villainous ways and Bronco did the most embarrassing stretcher job I've ever seen. For the next two hours, Mr. G kept asking me, "What happened to this 'fine athlete,' this 'wonderful star' you kept telling me about? Are you sure you heard Gordon right?"

Bronco had as bad a losing streak as Mike Boyette suffered through in the UWF in 1987. Until a fateful October day, when---in a tag match with Eddie Graham as his partner---he scored the fall over Krusher Karlssen. It must have been a lovely parting gift as we never saw Bronco again except in spa ads.

Week Ending	Rating	Stations	Pct. U.S.
Aug. 6			
WWF	9.1	254	98%
NWA	5.0	152	91%
Week Ending Aug. 13			
WWF	10.9	252	97%
NWA	5.9	158	91%

(ANALYSIS: The WWF figure for Aug. 13, representing a jump for its 3-hour PRIME TIME special, figured into its ad sales, is close to an all-time record---Titan hit an 11.2 once in 1987---but deceiving because it includes both the Sunday and Monday night plays for the special. The NWA's 5.9 is significant because it is the second time in three weeks it's drawn close to a 6 or better, plus some of its new markets are represented. Special note: effective with the Aug. 28-Sept. 3 week, one rating point will equal 917,000 homes.)

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(Bulletins/Periodicals)

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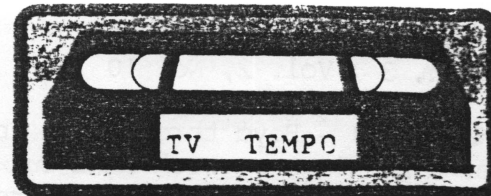
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SCALE: PINFALL! - Must See. PILEDRIVER - Excellent. POWER-SLAM - Good. DRAW - Average. RESTHOLD - Fair. BOMB - Poor.

(WWF/USA) - Rick Rude d. Tim Horner; Dino Bravo/Honky Tonk Man win DQ over Hart Foundation when Jim Neidhart caught w. megaphone; Lanny Poffo d. Stefan DeLeon; Koko B. Ware d. Barry Horowitz; Rougeaus d. Bob Allen/Mark Ming; Tito Santana draw vs. Curt Hennig. BRO. LUV w. Andre/Twin Towers. ANGLE: Roddy Piper & Rude have to be separated in the studio after a night of tension. POWERSLAM.

(SCW) - Steve Prichard wins DQ over Kevin Dillinger when Billy Starr runs in; Chic Donovan d. The Invader; Starr d. Ray Bailey; Peachtree Mafia d. Bobby Bennett/Richie Dye; Dirty White Boy d. Chance Myers. BOMB-PLUS.

(NWA/SYND.) - [NWA PRO]: Great Muta/Terry Funk d. Greg Evans/Richard Sartain; Norman d. Mark Smith; Mike Rotunda d. Scott Hall; New Zealand Militia d. Bob Emory/Mike Justice; Lex Luger d. Ranger Ross; Skyscrapers d. Lee Scott/George South. RESTHOLD.

[WORLD WIDE]: Midnight Express d. Tony Super/Ron Simmons; SST d. Emory/Justice; Brad Armstrong d. Trent Knight; Tommy Rich d. Bob Ford; Muta d. Hall; Steiners d. Freebirds by DQ. DRAW.

[MAIN EVENT]: State Police d. Scott/South; Militia d. Ross/Hall; Freebirds d. M Ex. FEATURE: Rick Steiner takes Robin Green on 1st date to the zoo. DRAW.

(ACW) - Rerun of show 8 with key matches Jimmy Garvin d. Nelson Royal by DQ and M.O.D. Squad d. Ring Lords. No rating offered.

(CWA) - Bill Dundee/Dustin Rhodes d. Rough & Ready; 6-MAN: Black Bart/Tony Anthony/Master of Pain d. Freezer Thompson/Scott Hall/Rod Napper; Freddy vs. Buddy Landell ends in melee which ends with Eddie Marlin decking Ronald V. Gossett IV; 8-MAN: Blackbirds/Wildside d. Frazier/Raper/McShane/Steele. ARENA: Jerry Lawler vs. Bam Bam Bigelow. POWERSLAM.

(ICW) - Dynamic Duo d. Chris Michaels/Brian Walsh; Brookie Brown d. Cookie Crumble; Steve Keirn draw vs. Brett Sawyer; Tom Brandi d. Bob Latham and turns heel by beating Latham after; Scott & Ivan Putski d. Tony Ulysses/Lumberjack Pierre; RUMBLE SEAT: Duke & Duchess & Dynamic Duo announce plans to go after Mr. X & Vic Steamboat. FEATURE: Kendall Windham challenges Tony Atlas for ICW belt. BOMB-PLUS.

(WWF/SYND.) - [CHALLENGE]: Harts d. Tom

Stone/Jake Milliman; Hennig d. Dale Wolfe; Ted DiBiase d. Riki Ataki; Rougeaus d. Allen/Ming; Santana d. Jim Gorman. REPLAY: Piper-Rude PTW angle. BOMB-PLUS.

[SPOTLIGHT]: Foghorn Leghorn d. Mitch Casey; Rougeaus d. Chuck Williams/Paul Van Dam; Jim Duggan d. Allen Kinsey; Rude d. Horner; Snuka d. Horowitz; REPLAY: Piper-Rude. BRO. LUV: Hogan & Beefcake tire of Bruce's insults & cut his hair. RESTHOLD-PLUS.

[SUPERSTARS]: BRO. LUV: Hogan-Beefcake cut Bruce's hair. Rockers d. Black Knight/Tim Patterson; REPLAY: Piper-Rude; Koko d. Valentine; Rick Martel d. Jerry Monte; Dusty Rhodes d. Horowitz; Tully & Arn d. DeLeon/Lou Spiccoli; Anabolic Warrior d. Steve Vega. RESTHOLD-PLUS.

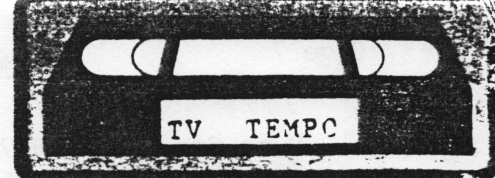
(USWA) - REPLAY: Embry d. Chu'i for control of USWA; Kerry Von Erich/J.J. Barr draw vs. Al Perez/Taurus Bulba; USWA TAG TITLE: Jeff Jarrett/Matt Borne d. Cactus Jack Manson/Cpl. Braddock to keep belts. RESTHOLD-PLUS.

(NWA/TBS) - [POWER HOUR]: Brian Pillman d. Jerry Price; Tommy Rich d. Cuban Assassin; U.S. TITLE: Luger d. Armstrong when Lex knocks Brad's foot off the ropes on 2. WNN: Gordon discusses Z-Man, Gary Hart. FUNK'S GRILL: Norman, Teddy Long & Terry attack Pillman. RESTHOLD.

[WCW]: Skyscrapers d. Justice/Knight; FEATURE: Steiner gets advice from Jim Ross on dating, then goes on night date with Robin, who shows up dressed in black. Tommy Rich d. The Enforcer; VIDEO: Funk. HIGHLIGHTS: Rotunda-Steve Williams 2-3 series from NWA PRO; Williams d. Ford; SST d. Ding Evans/Dong Sartain; Armstrong d. Assassin; DANGER ZONE: Iron Sheik discusses "molding" Ron Simmons into star; Freebirds d. Emory/Mark Smith; Pillman d. Fred Avery & dropkicks Norman off top buckle during match; Steiners d. Bounty Hunter/Cruel Connection; Sting wins DQ over Dick Slater when Muta/Funk attack. Flair & later Pillman arrive for save during brawl when Flair gets branding iron and "breaks Slater's arm." DRAW.

(CWF) - Terry Garvin d. Todd Morton; Dennis Condrey d. Danny Davis (who juices after 2 DDTs on floor) by countout; Robert Fuller d. Continental Cat; Southern Boys d. Lou Fabiano/RPM Davis; Jerry Stubbs d. Stomper Harris. RESTHOLD-PLUS.

(PORTLAND) - Scotty the Body d. Beetlejuice by countout when Al Madril kidnaps Little B'juice & Big BJ tries to save; Steve Doll d. Madril; Rex King/Coconut Willie d. Jonathan Boyd/Cowboy Lang; Bill Francis wins DQ over Nord the Barbarian when melee erupts; DOG COLLAR: Grappler vs. Carl Stiles in progress as show ends. ANGLES:



(PORTLAND/Cont.) - Boyd throws Lang in coffin w. snake; King sings w. rock band but is attacked by Grappler/Scotty. S. Rockers save & make King "official Rocker;" Don Coss cancels Madril's FIESTA GARDEN. POWERSLAM.

(AWA) - Derrick Dukes/Tommy Jammer d. Tokyo Bullets; Scott Norton d. Ray Brown; Tina Morretti d. Morgan Larue; TV TITLE: Greg Gagne wins DQ over Mike George when Sheik Adnan al-Kaissie runs in. BOMB-PLUS.

(STAMPEDE) - Kim Schau draw vs. Jonathan Holliday; Goldie Rogers d. Ken Johnson; Larry Cameron d. Biff Wellington; Bob & Kerry Brown win DQ over Maximum Overdrive; COMMONWEALTH MID-HWT. TITLE: Great Gama d. Chris Benoit. DRAW.

(UWA ALL-STAR) - 6-MAN ELIMINATION: Robotron & Mike Roselli (teamed w. Chi Chi Cruise) d. Nevada Kid/Ivan Gorki/Danny Denton; The Frog d. Mike Ozansky. VOICE BOX: Ozansky. Fred Roselli named new promoter. RESTHOLD.

LINE OF THE WEEK - 1. Rick Rude & Roddy Piper, PTW: (RR) "I date dozens of girls, Roddy." (RP) "That's so when you fall asleep, they all have someone to talk to." 2. Jim Cornette, WCW, on Freebirds' hair: "I didn't know they combed it. I thought they just stuck it in the toilet & flushed it." 3. Cornette, WCW: "The only people who'd appreciate Fred Avery's support are Bartles & Jaymes." 4. Jesse Ventura, WWF: "I love Dusty Rhodes' body, McMahon. He must train where you do." 5. Scotty the Body, Portland: "Don Owen, you've been out here 1,609 years and you still don't know a superstar when you see one." 6. Piper, PTW: "Them lips (on Rude) look like a dog sucking on a tootsie roll for three days." 7. Dennis Condrey, CWF: "When I go off for 30 seconds, I couldn't tell you my name." 8. Chris Adams, WCCW, on wrestling school: "We want to make professional wrestlers of everybody." 9. Cornette, WCW: "Mark Smith couldn't whip cream with an eggbeater." 10. Lex Luger, WWF: "The Total Package is what Secretariat is to thoroughbreds and what Stradivarius is to violins."

11. Ventura & McMahon, WWF: (JV) "Now why's Garvin sitting at ringside?" (VM) "He's a friend of Howard Finkel." 12. Piper, PTW: "I like the way you (Bobby Heenan) have the 2 little Keebler elves holding up the shoulders on your jacket." 13. Michael Hayes, WCW, to Missy Hyatt: "If you were to spend a night with a real man, like us, it might put hair on your chest." 14. Jim Ross, WCW: "Western Union is the fastest way to send money & the Skyscrapers are the fastest way to send their opponents to the hospital." 15. Cornette & Ross, WCW: (JC) "The Enforcer looks like some kind of Oriental cookie." (JR) "With raspberry filling." 16. Terry Funk, WWW: "These people don't like Nissans or Toyotas. Neither do I. But I recognize the best product (Muta)." 17. Funk, PH: "Your friend, Boomer, sounds like he's got too much gas." 18. Ross, PH, on Luger: "if ego was money, he'd be the richest man on earth." 19. Brian Pillman, PH: "I've gone from the penthouse to the outhouse being on FUNK'S GRILL." 20. Jesse & Vince, WWF, on Tim Patterson: (JV) "Reminds me a lot of his father, Pat Patterson." (VM) "They're not related."

21. Cornette, WCW, on Robin Green: "She must have been the victim of nuclear fallout...she must have had a change of genes." 22. Cornette, on Cuban Assassin: "He looks like Fidel's favorite son or brother." 23. Cornette, PH: "I'm not gonna say Lake Erie is so polluted, you have to use an icepick to go fishing in the summer." 24. Charlie Platt, CWF: "If anyone would know where the National Weasel Festival is, you (Downtown Bruno) would." 25. Bob Brown, Stampede, on Wayne Hart: "He was voted #1 referee because there was no other around." 26. Ed Whalen, on Brown's ring style: "You try to dodge your way & flee."

STRONGEST COMMENT - Gary Hart, WWW: "Cleveland is the stinkiest city of them all."

QUESTION OF THE WEEK - Ventura, WWF: "Do you think this guy (Warrior) ever sleeps?"

NICKNAMES OF THE WEEK - 1. "The Eunuch" (Bobby Heenan) by Piper. 2. "The Johnny Carson of wrestling announcers," Jim Ross' reference to himself and his marital status.

BILLBOARD HITS AWARDS - 1. Terry Funk, WWW, for singing "One Day at a Time." 2. Terry Funk, GRILL, for singing, "I'm a Funker, you're a Funker, wouldn't you like to be a Funker, too?"

ENGLISH LESSONS - 1. Jimmy Golden, CWF, on Stubbs: "You ain't grew no hair, boy." 2. Ross, WCW: "That had to broke the arm."

BEST PICTURES - 1. WCW, Ross' & Steiner's eyes at glance of "new" Robin Green. 2. WCW, Sting missing over top dive on Slater. 3. WCCW, Kerry Von Erich clawing Al Perez. 4. WCCW, Cactus Jack missing elbow. 5. PORTLAND, Francis-Nord brawl. 6. WCW, Showcloser brawl. 7. WCW, Sid Vicious working over Trent Knight.

ALL-CLICHE TEAM - 1. Ross, WCW: "....close, but no cigar."

DREADED GLITCH AWARD - USWA or WXTX-TV, Columbus, Ga., for hour of USWA with no audio on Marc Lowrance's microphone.

BLOOPER AWARDS - 1. Cornette, WCW, for "If TBS renames THE MUNDSTERS, they'll have to cast Gary Hart in the part of Uncle Fester." (Wrong show, Jim, it's THE ADDAMS FAMILY) 2. Cornette, PH, for plugging Rich as guest on FUNK'S GRILL.

BOO AWARD - ACW, for continuing to air rerun shows.

TUBE TALK: Another fine brawl at the end of WCW and this time, one had the impression that it had a chance to play in full without an abrupt interruption.LINES OF may have been unbalanced in Cornette's favor but what do you do when the guy has 3 hours of good material?...The Andre-Warrior attack was too short, in my view, on SUPERSTARS but still set up the post-SS89 feud....Nord hit Bill Francis with a metal suitcase, a board and beer cans during their Portland brawl and he didn't sell a thing....Danny Davis did a nasty juice job for Condrey on CWF. To the crew's credit, no tasteless blood closeups but the ringside lighting was far too weak....The no-audio on Lowrance USWA show in our area was the second such in 9 months. It may have been the local station failing to record both audio channels.

The Hogan/Beefcake haircutting of Bro. Luv was a well-done setup and Bruce's reax was priceless...I can't say enough, either, about the Piper-Rude heat on PTW. That's why I say Piper can draw hot ratings on that show even if the matches are poor....NWA regained syndie slot in Seattle/Tacoma.

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